

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 29, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Eternal God, we place our trust, confidence and hope in You and Your ways. We believe that each day You offer us the means and the strength to be faithful to You, the values and the principles which You have made known to us. Your truths also give meaning and direction to our busy lives and crowded schedules as we respond to our daily responsibilities and obligations. We pray for the knowledge and wisdom to make the right legislative and personal choices and decisions. Let us, together, try to build a peaceful, caring and stable society in which the rights of all are respected and recognized. May the search for truth be a constant and common goal of all.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Alicea of Charlton and other members of the House) memorializing the Congress of the United States to provide sufficient, timely and predictable funding for health care for veterans;

Health care,
veterans.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Callahan of Sutton) recognizing the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation on its observance of Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month; and

Myasthenia
Gravis
Foundation.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. deMacedo of Plymouth and Calter of Kingston) congratulating Christopher Robbins on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Christopher
Robbins.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Alice Hanlon Peisch

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for legislation to authorize the Department of Mental Health to establish a sick leave bank for Sarah Carmichael, an employee of the Westborough State Hospital. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Haverhill,
school
textbooks.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Haverhill to borrow funds for the purpose of financing the purchase of school department textbooks (House, No. 4761) Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Beacon Hill
Architectural
Commission.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill regarding vacancies in the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission (House, No. 3269) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Health care,
study.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 590, 603, 1128, 1150, 1874, 2046, 2155, 2162, 2169, 3838, 4200, 4281 and 4529, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning health care providers and health care coverage (House, No. 4807). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of said order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Engrossed Bill.

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enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Orleans to operate a sewer system (see Senate, No. 2452) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next
sitting.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.